

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF CARTHAGE, MISSOURI
February 22, 2022

The Carthage City Council met in regular session on the above date in the Council Chambers at 6:30 P.M. with Mayor Dan Rife presiding. Fire Chief Ryan Huntley gave the invocation and Police Chief Bill Hawkins led the flag salute.

The following Council Members answered roll call: Robin Harrison, David Armstrong, Mike Daugherty, Ceri Otero, Alan Snow, Seth Thompson and Ed Barlow. Council Members Craig Diggs and Juan Topete were absent. City Administrator Tom Short, Assistant City Administrator Greg Dagnan and City Attorney Nate Dally were also present.

The following Department Heads were present: Police Chief Bill Hawkins, Fire Chief Ryan Huntley, Public Works Director Zeb Carney and City Clerk Traci Cox.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the minutes of the February 8, 2022 Council Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

During Citizen's Participation Period: Scott Brauburger, 1400 Kimberly Lane, protested trees that are being cut down in the easement area which has created problems with the apartment complex directly behind his residence. They are dumping trash into his yard. He was requesting the trees be trimmed instead of cut off to help maintain a barrier between his property and the apartments.

Chuck Bryant, General Manager CWEP, discussed ongoing economic development efforts, including GRO survey results, the Town Plan for future projects and the Ady Advantage contract that addressed economic development needs and the best way to handle going forward. Ady Advantage has recommended restructuring the CEDC to handle future economic development. Carolyn Krisman has been contracted to re-evaluate the CEDC including bylaws and future role in best handling of economic development. Mr. Bryant encouraged council members to support the ongoing efforts and support the partnership with Ms. Krisman. Mr. Armstrong made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to add the appropriation of funds for the Krisman contract to the March 14 Budget Ways & Means agenda for consideration. Motion carried.

Gene Griffith, 1050 James, reported the school has voted to allow use of 4 safe rooms at the school during severe weather but the website needs updated to spread this information. He also requested the city focus on getting the McGregor Street bridge, Walnut Street bridge, and the Sycamore Street bridge repaired. Mr. Griffith then discussed the need to focus on addressing childhood obesity problems instead of building a Performing Arts Center.

Mr. Snow reported the Budget Ways & Means Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for March 14.

Ms. Otero reported the Committee on Insurance, Audit and Claims met on this date and approved the claims. Council Bills 22-07 and 22-08 were approved and forwarded to Council.

Mr. Barlow reported the Public Safety Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for February 28.

Mr. Daugherty reported that the Public Services Committee met on February 15. An RFP for electric scooter rentals will be released soon with proposals due back by March 10. An addendum to the contract with Dick Horton Consulting was approved and appears in C.B. 22-06.

Mr. Armstrong reported the Public Works Committee is between meetings with the next meeting scheduled for March 1.

Mayor Rife reported on his attendance at Steve Fierro's memorial service.

Fire Chief Ryan Huntley reported on the annual memorial service for Steve Fierro and promotions within the department.

City Administrator Tom Short reported on the following: an update on the Boots Court project, a Lodging Tax Appropriations Committee meeting scheduled for February 28, operating budget requests for FY 23 have been sent out, discussions with Baker Tilly regarding ARPA funding, and updated letters sent to MBL.

The Committee on Claims filed a report in the amount of \$625,251.01 against the following funds: General Revenue \$149,333.09, Public Health \$158,112.22, Public Safety \$3,336.01, Parks/Stormwater \$54,904.54, Golf \$1,941.59, Parks & Recreation \$7,606.89, Myers Park \$889.50, Public Facilities \$4,598.00, and Payroll \$244,529.17. Ms. Otero made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Harrison, to accept the report and allow the claims. Motion carried.

Under old business, C.B. 22-05 – An Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance on behalf of the City of Carthage and to execute any contract(s) resulting from such application for any grants between the City of Carthage and the Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission providing for capital, operating, and/or marketing assistance, comprised of federal funds to be expended for Commission-approved transit projects was placed on second reading followed by a roll call vote of 7 yeas and 0 nays. Ayes: Armstrong, Barlow, Daugherty, Harrison, Otero, Snow and Thompson. The Council Bill was approved and numbered Ordinance 22-06.

Under new business, C.B. 22-06 – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Carthage, Missouri to execute the Consulting Agreement Addendum #2 to the original Master Plan Agreement to Perform Parks and Recreation Consulting Services, between Dick Horton Consulting and the City of Carthage, Missouri was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 22-07 – An Ordinance to amend Section 800 – Miscellaneous Policies of the Personnel Policy Manual of the City of Carthage by adding subsection 806 – Remote Work Policy was placed on first reading with no action taken.

C.B. 22-08 – An Ordinance to amend Section 207 of the Personnel Policy Manual of the City of Carthage, Resignation and Retirement and to amend Section 2-160 of the City Code to comply with retirement policy was placed on first reading with no action taken.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snow, to approve the Mayor's appointment of Brandon Scott to the Carthage Tree Board until May 2023. Motion carried.

Mr. Barlow made a motion, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, to adjourn the regular session of the Council Meeting. Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Dan Rife, Mayor

Traci Cox, City Clerk